GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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OILSEEDS CRUSHING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of oilseeds crushing industries at present, State-wise;

(b) whether the crushing capacity of these industries is sufficient for entire utilisation of the production;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) Consequent upon delicensing of vegetable oil industry in July, 1991, no authentic information about the oilseed crushing industries State-wise is available. As per available information, on All India Basis, there are around 1,50,000 oilseed crushing units both in the organised and in the small scale sector, with a total annual capacity of 425 lakh MTs in terms of oilseeds.

(b) Yes Sir. In fact the capacity utilisation of the oilseed crushing units varies from 10% in case of small scale sector to 30% in the organised sector which shows that the installed capacity of the industry is far in excess of oil-seed production.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.